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BRIEFING

**Monarch Tile and State Deferral
Monarch Tile Site, Florence, Alabama
November 13, 1995**

The Monarch Tile Site was proposed for listing on the National Priorities List (NPL) in May 1993. Currently, EPA has entered into an agreement with Monarch Tile for a non-time critical removal at the site. EPA will select the removal action in 1996.

BACKGROUND:

- Monarch Tile Manufacturing (MTM), Inc., produces ceramic tile and glazes, and is located on an 30-acre site in Florence, Lauderdale County, Alabama.
- In March 1988, MTM notified EPA of contamination at the site.
- In 1994, requests for deferral of the site to the State were received by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), the City of Florence, the Industrial Development Board of the City, and MTM. All of the above have also formally opposed the final listing of the site to the NPL.
- In September 1994, MTM entered into an agreement with EPA to conduct a non-time critical removal at the Site in compliance with applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements that will significantly reduce the volume, toxicity, or mobility of the contamination.
- MTM submitted a Site Characterization Summary in June 1995 and a Streamlined Risk Evaluation in August 1995.
- EPA and the State have reviewed all documents and are awaiting Monarch's reply.
- EPA has received another request from the State and Monarch to defer the site due to the length of time required for the document review.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Defer Now.
- 2) Defer upon completion of Action Memorandum.
- 3) Continue as originally planned.



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Recommendation of RPM, MAGIC Team, and ORC:

Continue as originally planned, being conscious of potential schedule problems of the RPM due to the Woolfolk Site. It is believed that negotiating a State agreement will require considerable amount of time that the RPM and Team could use to review documents. The nature of a cost recovery issue would need research if deferred. The State has told EPA in the last mid-year that oversight requirements over and above an "RPM position" would need to be specifically addressed in an agreement.